

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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1. WE DISCUSSED REIMBURSEMENT FOR NIBALI-ROBERTS MISSION WITH IBRAHIM AL ZAID JANUARY 18. AL ZAID SAID GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE (GOSI) WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY REIMBURSEMENT UPON SUBMISSION OF LETTER FROM EMBASSY BREAKING DOWN MAN-HOURS AND PAYMENTS DUE. REQUEST SUCH BREAKDOWN ASAP AS INFORMATION IN STATE 131687 (1976) (WHICH WAS NEVER DELIVERED) CLEARLY WAS OVERTAKEN BY EARLY DEPARTURE ROBERTS. WE ASSUME THAT \$53,913 FIGURE AS GIVEN IN STATE 235298 (76) IS CORRECT TOTAL, AND QUOTED IT TO AL ZAID.

2. AL ZAID, IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED BY NIBALI-ROBERTS MISSION; GOSI HAD GOTTEN NO USEFUL RESULTS FROM IT AND FELT THAT SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) HAD NOT RECRUITED PROPERLY. CONTINUING, HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SSA'S COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF GOSI, AND SAID THAT GOSI HAD TURNED TO BRITISH ADVISORS IN CONSEQUENCE (THERE ARE FIVE CURRENTLY ON ASSIGNMENT). HE ALSO EXPRESSED SLIGHT PIQUE AT HIS RECEPTION DURING LAST SUMMER'S VISIT, WHICH HE FELT HAD NOT BEEN AS OPEN AS THAT GIVEN HIM ELSEWHERE (HE PARTICULARLY MENTIONED UNCLASSIFIED

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INABILITY TO VISIT COMPUTER CENTER). HE SAID GOSI NONETHELESS CONTINUED TO BE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FROM SSA, AND WELCOMED THE OFFER TO HOST TRAINING VISITS OF GOSI OFFICIALS.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION ON GOSI: AL ZAID SAID GOSI HAS FILES ON 400,000 WORKERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR AND 70,000

NON-SCHEDULED GOVERNMENT WORKERS (NOT ALL OF THESE FILES ARE ACTIVE, AS MANY ARE FOR FOREIGN WORKERS WHO MAY HAVE LEFT). COVERAGE INCLUDES ALL EMPLOYEES IN ESTABLISHMENTS HIRING TWENTY OR MORE. THERE ARE SIX REGIONAL OFFICES, EACH ONE WITH AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CLAIMS DIRECTLY. FUND IS COLLECTING APPROXIMATELY SR40 MILLION (\$11 MILLION) PER MONTH, AND DISBURSING APPROXIMATELY SR 1 MILLION. DISBURSEMENTS WILL CLIMB STARTING IN 1978 WHEN GOSI WILL BE FIVE YEARS OLD AND FIRST ANNUITIES PAYABLE; EXPECTED 1978 LEVEL OF DISBURSEMENTS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY SR 5 MILLION. PRESENT CAPITAL OF OVER SR 1 BILLION (\$285 MILLION) IS INVESTED IN SAUDI REAL ESTATE, INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS (E.G., CEMENT PLANT), OR BUSINESSES (E.G., CHASE-MANAGED SAUDI INVESTMENT BANKING COMPANY); SOME IS IN BANK DEPOSITS BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN (INCLUDING MAJOR DEPOSITS WITH SAMA); GOSI IS ALSO NEGOTIATING WITH POTENTIAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS. PORTER

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